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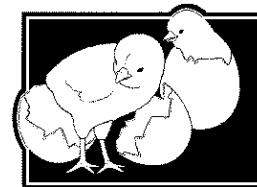
EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 108 million eggs during March down 1 percent from a year ago. Production totaled 89 million table eggs and 19 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 5,096,000 birds, which was up 2 percent from 4,995,000 a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,119 eggs, compared with 2,182 in March 2005.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.84 billion during March 2006 up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.73 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The number of layers during March 2006 averaged 350 million, up 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, also up slightly from March 2005.

HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE, March 2006

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	8,858	171	1,930
Florida	11,416	262	2,295
Georgia	19,237	407	2,116
North Carolina	11,081	222	2,003
South Carolina	5,096	108	2,119
United States	350,085	7,837	2,239



BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of March, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler hatcheries produced 19.6 million chicks, up 3 percent from last year.

The **UNITED STATES** broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2006 totaled 817 million; up slightly from March 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 659 million on April 1, 2006, down slightly from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	March 2006	Jan-Mar 2006
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,578	55,125
United States	817,068	2,354,286
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	38,918	108,005

MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Total **cash receipts** from marketings of meat animals (cattle and hogs) in **SOUTH CAROLINA** during 2005 was \$223.9 million, up 13 percent from the \$197.8 million marketed in 2004. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total while hogs and pigs represented 24 percent.

Total production for both species was 278,521,000 pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. The average price per 100 pounds for cattle increased from \$81.20 in 2004 to \$87.10 in 2005 and calves increased from \$113.00 to \$123.00. Hogs and pigs average per 100 pounds was up to \$50.50 in 2005 from \$49.00 in 2004.

Total 2005 **cash receipts** in the **UNITED STATES** from marketings of meat animals increased 4 percent to \$64.8 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production

decreased for all cattle and calves and sheep and lambs but increased for hogs and pigs. Average prices were up for all three species.

Cattle and Calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased from \$47.5 billion in 2004 to \$49.2 in 2005, a 4 percent increase. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 53.1 billion pounds in 2005, down 2 percent from 2004. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$89.70, an increase of \$3.90 from 2004. For calves, the annual average price increased \$16.00 to \$135.00.

Hogs and Pigs: Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$15.0 billion during 2005, up 5 percent from 2004. Marketings totaled 28.5 billion pounds in 2005, up 3 percent from 2004. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight increased from \$49.30 in 2004 to \$50.20 in 2005.

POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

The value of **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler, egg and turkey production plus sales from chickens in 2005 was \$760.3 million down 4 percent from the 2004 value of \$791.1 million.

The value of **broilers** produced during 2005 was \$563.1 million, up 8 percent from the \$521.9 million in 2004. The total number of broilers produced in 2005 was 213.3 million, up 4 percent from the 204.5 million in 2004. Value of **egg** production in 2005 was \$62.1 million, down 25 percent from \$82.8 million in 2004. In 2005, eggs averaged 57.8 cents per dozen compared to 73.5 cents in 2004. The value of **turkeys** produced in 2005 was \$133.5 million, down 28 percent from \$185.3 million in 2004. Turkey production totaled 310 million pounds in 2005, down 33 percent from the 463 million pounds in 2004. The value of **chickens sold** for slaughter was \$1.5 million in 2005, up 38 percent from 2004.

The **UNITED STATES'** combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2005, was \$28.2 billion, down 2 percent from the \$28.9 billion in 2004. Of the combined total, 74 percent was from broilers, 14 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The **value of broilers** produced during 2005 was \$20.9 billion, up 2 percent from 2004. The total number of broilers produced in 2005 was 8.87 billion, up 1 percent from 2004. The

total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2005 was 47.9 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2004. The 2005 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 43.6 cents per pound, compared with 44.6 cents in 2004.

Value of all egg production in 2005 was \$4.04 billion, down 24 percent from the \$5.30 billion in 2004. Egg production totaled 90.0 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 89.1 billion eggs produced in 2004. In 2005, all eggs averaged 53.9 cents per dozen, compared with 71.4 cents in 2004.

The **value of turkeys** produced during 2005 was \$3.23 billion, up 5 percent from the \$3.07 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2005 totaled 7.21 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 7.30 billion pounds produced in 2004. The average price received by producers during 2005 was 44.9 cents per pound, compared with 42.0 cents in 2004.

The **value of sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2005 was \$64.6 million, up 12 percent from the \$57.6 million a year ago. Prices averaged 6.5 cents per pound, compared with 5.8 cents in 2004. The number of chickens sold in 2005 totaled 193 million, up 1 percent from the total sold during the previous year. This report contains annual estimates for Puerto Rico chickens and eggs. These estimates include chickens (excluding commercial broilers) number lost, sold for slaughter, pounds, price, and value as well as all egg production, price, and value.

Production and Price by Selected States and Total, 2004-2005

State	Eggs				Broilers				Turkeys			
	Eggs Produced		Price / Dozen		Number Produced		Price / Lb. 1/		Number Raised 2/		Price / Lb. 3/	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Million		Dollars		1,000 Head		Dollars		Million Head		Dollars	
FL	3,068	2,980	0.625	0.406	78,500	75,900	0.450	0.440	---	---	---	---
GA	5,038	4,850	0.939	0.843	1,298,900	1,321,200	0.440	0.430	---	---	---	---
NC	2,523	2,573	1.140	1.160	720,200	735,100	0.450	0.460	39,000	36,000	0.42	0.46
SC	1,351	1,289	0.735	0.578	204,500	213,300	0.440	0.440	12,000	8,000	0.40	0.43
US	89,091	89,960	0.714	0.539	8,740,650	8,870,350	0.446	0.436	264,207	256,270	0.420	0.449

1/ Liveweight equivalent prices, derived from ready-to-cook prices. 2/ Based on turkeys placed Sep. 1, 2004, through Aug 31, 2005. Excludes young turkeys lost. 3/ State prices are equivalent live weight returns to producers.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States and United States, March, 2005-2006 1/

Selected States	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	March 2006 as % of 2/	
				March 2005	February 2006
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Florida	4.7	*4.7	5.3	113	113
Georgia	11.3	9.5	11.2	100	119
Iowa	566.3	513.9	577.2	102	112
North Carolina	201.6	*175.5	202.6	100	115
South Carolina ...	21.4	19.4	21.7	102	112
Tennessee	19.2	15.3	18.2	95	119
United States	3,878.1	*3,483.9	4,111.7	106	118

* Revised. 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, March, 2005-2006 1/

Class	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	March 2006 % of	
				March 2005	February 2006
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,042	1,825	2,209	108	121
Veal	13.3	11.7	13.3	100	114
Pork	1,804	1,633	1,871	104	115
Lamb & Mutton	19.5	14.7	18.2	94	124
Total Red Meat	3,878	3,484	4,112	106	118

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Total cash receipts from marketings of milk in **SOUTH CAROLINA** during 2005 was \$47.6 million, down 4 percent from the \$49.4 million marketed in 2004. Total milk production was 290 million pounds for 2005, up 1 percent from 287 million pounds in 2004. The average price per 100 pounds for milk decreased from \$17.40 in 2004 to \$16.60 in 2005.

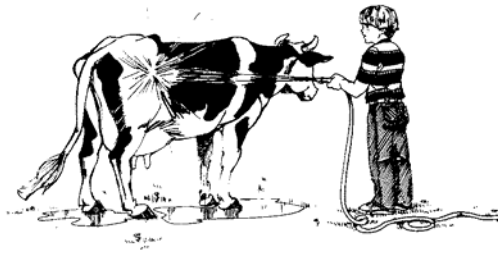
Cash receipts in the UNITED STATES from marketings of milk during 2005 totaled \$26.7 billion, 3 percent below 2004. Producer returns averaged \$15.20 per hundredweight, 6 percent below 2004. Marketings totaled 176 billion pounds, 4 percent

above 2004. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 1.08 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 2 percent less than 2004. Calves were fed 87 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households. Milk production increased 4 percent in 2005 to 177 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 19,576 pounds, was 609 pounds above 2004. The annual average number of milk cows on farms, at 9.04 million head, was 29,000 head more than 2004.

Milk Cows, Production of Milk, and Marketings and Income, By Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

Selected State	Number of Milk Cows		Milk per Cow		Total Milk		Price per Cwt Milk 1/		Cash Receipts from Marketings	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
California	1,725	1,755	21,139	21,404	36,465	37,564	14.73	13.92	5,365,992	5,223,062
Florida	138	137	16,326	16,577	2,253	2,271	19.20	18.60	431,616	421,476
Georgia	84	81	16,857	17,259	1,416	1,398	16.80	16.00	235,536	221,760
North Carolina	57	54	17,649	18,611	1,006	1,005	17.20	16.40	170,796	162,688
South Carolina	17	18	16,882	16,111	287	290	17.40	16.60	49,416	47,642
Wisconsin	1,241	1,236	17,796	18,500	22,085	22,866	16.90	15.60	3,687,242	3,527,784
United States	9,012	9,041	18,967	19,576	170,934	176,989	16.13	15.20	27,386,588	26,737,882

1/ Cash receipts divided by milk or milkfat in combined marketings.



MILK PRODUCTION

There were an estimated 76 million pounds of milk produced in **SOUTH CAROLINA** during the January-March quarter of 2006. This is down 6 percent from January-March 2005 quarter, but up 10 percent from October-December 2005 quarter.

There were 17,000 milk cows on **SOUTH CAROLINA** farms during January-March 2006, down 1,000 from the same quarter in 2005, and unchanged from the October-December 2005 quarter.

Milk production in the UNITED STATES during the January-March quarter totaled 45.5 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 91,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: Selected States and United States, January-March, 2005-2006

Selected States	January-March Milk Cows 1/		January-March Milk Production 2/		Percent Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	Thou. Head		Million Pounds		Percent
California	1,742	1,781	9,152	9,706	6.1
Florida	139	134	643	602	-6.4
Georgia	83	78	379	379	---
North Carolina	55	52	260	249	-4.2
South Carolina	18	17	81	76	-6.2
Wisconsin	1,234	1,240	5,522	5,779	4.7
United States	9,002	9,093	43,350	45,521	5.0

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

FLORICULTURE

SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2005 wholesale value of floriculture crops for all growers with \$10,000 or more in sales is estimated at \$106 million, down 6 percent compared to \$113 million in 2004. There were 103 growers in 2005, down from 111 in 2004. Total covered area for floriculture crop production was recorded at 9.46 million square feet, down from 9.76 million square feet in 2004. Total greenhouse space covered area at 6.96 million square feet was down from 2004's 7.2 million square feet.

Growers with \$100,000 plus in total sales posted a wholesale value of plant production during 2005 of \$93.3 million, down from \$103.5 in 2004. The wholesale value of bedding and garden plants, the largest part of production, totaled \$77.5 million, down from \$88.2 in 2004.

The **UNITED STATES'** 2005 wholesale value of floriculture crops is up 1 percent from the revised 2004 valuation. The total crop value at wholesale for all growers with \$10,000 or more in sales is estimated at \$5.36 billion for 2005, compared with \$5.28 billion for 2004. California is again the leading State with crops valued at \$1.02 billion, down 3 percent from the previous year. Florida, the next largest producer, is up 10 percent from 2004 to \$976 million in wholesale value. These two States

account for 37 percent of the 36-State total value. For 2005, the top 5 States are California, Florida, Michigan, Texas, and New York which account for \$2.86 billion or 53 percent of the total value.

The number of growers for 2005, at 10,563, is down 7 percent compared with the revised 2004 count of 11,385. The number of growers with sales of \$100,000 or more dropped 4 percent to 4,412 for 2005 from 4,612 in 2004. The number of growers in all size-categories decreased from the previous year.

Total covered area for floriculture crop production was 916 million square feet, 3 percent less than the revised 2004 figure. Greenhouse space for 2005, at 550 million square feet, is down less than 1 percent from 2004.

The total wholesale value of floriculture crops grown by operations exceeding the \$100,000 sales level is \$5.08 billion for 2005, up 2 percent from the revised 2004 total. These operations account for 95 percent of the total value of floriculture crops, but comprise only 42 percent of all growers. Bedding and garden plants wholesale value, at \$2.61 billion, is the largest contributor to the value of production, up 2 percent from the previous year.

**Number of Growers for All Operations with \$10,000 Sales;
Wholesale Value of Sales for Operations with \$100,000+ Sales, Selected States, 2004 and 2005**

Select States	Number of Growers 10,000+		----- Value of Sales for Operations with \$100,000+ -----									
			Total Cut Flowers		Total Potted Flowering Plants		Total Foliage for Indoor/Patio Use		Total Bedding Garden Plants		Total Expanded Wholesale Value	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Number		----- 1,000 Dollars -----									
CA	908	820	294,116	288,820	196,921	199,253	103,698	109,351	336,447	319,231	1,049,575	1,017,542
FL	1,020	907	19,526	15,011	91,360	94,612	469,728	499,656	118,786	175,297	884,126	976,038
GA	186	160	--	--	7,206	7,410	2,816	3,720	57,131	54,681	80,022	78,739
MI	721	696	8,711	9,245	32,074	33,966	4,152	3,299	238,508	236,865	384,655	384,055
NC	350	324	3,041	3,236	36,339	39,461	5,191	6,916	106,458	121,301	162,728	182,142
OH	603	555	--	--	23,118	16,654	9,443	5,199	134,941	121,924	203,396	171,945
SC	111	103	--	--	15,224	15,770	--	--	88,237	77,489	113,183	106,136
TX	387	371	--	--	42,128	42,700	20,604	19,957	195,442	205,340	275,770	284,995
36 Sts.	11,385	10,563	412,431	396,693	800,535	808,941	685,264	721,049	2,555,662	2,613,226	5,284,643	5,363,021